

a process for self-determination for the people of Puerto Rico, and it is very similar to previous amendments that have been offered today. It was my hope that when the gentleman supported reporting the bill from committee, when he voted for it back on July 22, 2009, when the bill passed out of our Natural Resources Committee on a 30-8, I see the ranking member, my good friend, the gentleman from Washington is listed as “aye” vote. It’s an “aye” vote for the pending legislation before us today.

In addition, in looking through the report here, I see no dissenting views. There are additional views, but there are no dissenting views to this bill as it came out of our Committee on Natural Resources back on July 22 of last year.

So we are where we are. Regrettably, the gentleman’s substitute does nothing to advance the goal of self-determination for the people of Puerto Rico. It states the obvious. Puerto Rico does have the authority to conduct a plebiscite on its own. It has done so on several occasions, often with confusing definitions of the alternatives. But there has never been, never been, a congressionally authorized plebiscite, one backed by the full power of the United States Congress. And that is what the underlying bill is all about. That is what our efforts are here about, showing some congressionally sanctioned approval of the Puerto Ricans’ efforts at self-determination.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of my time.

In response to my good friend from West Virginia, the distinguished chairman of the committee, yes, it’s true, I voted for the bill, but there is always more to the rest of the story.

In my opening remarks, I expressed doubt that this is the proper way to go. I expressed those doubts, but I know that this issue is something that needs to be resolved. I was hoping when it got to the floor of the House it might have an open rule so it could be perfected, but I wanted to find out more about this issue, and I found out more about these issues and why now I believe I should be in opposition to it. I called Governor Fortuno last Friday and told him of my decision on that, and he was very gracious when we had that conversation.

Now, as to this amendment, as I had mentioned, I think the Velázquez amendment accomplishes what I would want to accomplish in my amendment. So, Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Velázquez amendment when we have the rollcall.

Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to have my amendment withdrawn.

The CHAIR. Without objection, the amendment is withdrawn.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIR

The CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now re-

sume on those amendments printed in House Report 111-468 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 1 by Ms. FOXX of North Carolina.

Amendment No. 2 by Mr. GUTIERREZ of Illinois.

Amendment No. 3 by Mr. GUTIERREZ of Illinois.

Amendment No. 4 by Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

Amendment No. 5 by Ms. VELÁZQUEZ of New York.

Amendment No. 6 by Ms. VELÁZQUEZ of New York.

Amendment No. 7 by Ms. VELÁZQUEZ of New York.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MS. FOXX

The CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 223, noes 179, not voting 34, as follows:

[Roll No. 234]

AYES—223

Aderholt	Conaway	Heller
Adler (NJ)	Cooper	Hensarling
Akin	Costello	Herger
Alexander	Courtney	Herseth Sandlin
Altmire	Cuellar	Himes
Austria	Culberson	Holden
Bachmann	Cummings	Honda
Bachus	Davis (IL)	Hunter
Bartlett	Davis (KY)	Inglis
Barton (TX)	DeLauro	Issa
Bean	Dent	Jackson (IL)
Becerra	Dreier	Jenkins
Biggert	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Bilbray	Ellison	Jones
Bilirakis	Ellsworth	Jordan (OH)
Bishop (GA)	Emerson	Kanjorski
Bishop (UT)	Fattah	Kaptur
Blackburn	Flake	Kilpatrick (MI)
Blunt	Fleming	King (IA)
Boehner	Forbes	Kingston
Bonner	Fortenberry	Kirk
Bono Mack	Foster	Kucinich
Boozman	Fox	Lamborn
Boren	Frank (MA)	Lance
Boustany	Franks (AZ)	Latham
Brady (TX)	Frelinghuysen	LaTourette
Bright	Gallegly	Latta
Broun (GA)	Garrett (NJ)	Lee (NY)
Buchanan	Gerlach	Lewis (CA)
Burgess	Giffords	Lipinski
Buyer	Gingrey (GA)	LoBiondo
Calvert	Gohmert	Lowey
Camp	Goodlatte	Lucas
Capito	Graves	Luetkemeyer
Capuano	Green, Al	Lummis
Carney	Griffith	Mack
Carter	Guthrie	Manzullo
Cassidy	Gutierrez	Marchant
Chaffetz	Hall (NY)	Marshall
Christensen	Hall (TX)	McCarthy (CA)
Cleaver	Halvorson	McCarthy (NY)
Coble	Harman	McCauley
Coffman (CO)	Harper	McClintock
Cole	Hastings (WA)	McCollum

McCotter	Platts	Simpson
McHenry	Poe (TX)	Smith (NE)
McIntyre	Posey	Smith (NJ)
McKeon	Price (GA)	Smith (TX)
McMahon	Quigley	Souder
McMorris	Radanovich	Space
Rodgers	Rangel	Spratt
Mica	Rehberg	Stearns
Michaud	Richardson	Sullivan
Miller (FL)	Roe (TN)	Terry
Miller (MI)	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (PA)
Miller, Gary	Rogers (KY)	Thornberry
Minnick	Rogers (MI)	Tiahrt
Mitchell	Rohrabacher	Tiberi
Moore (WI)	Rooney	Tonko
Moran (KS)	Roskam	Towns
Murphy (NY)	Ross	Turner
Murphy, Tim	Roybal-Allard	Upton
Myrick	Royce	Velázquez
Nadler (NY)	Rush	Walden
Neugebauer	Ryan (WI)	Watt
Oberstar	Sarbanes	Weiner
Obey	Scalise	Westmoreland
Olson	Schakowsky	Whitfield
Paulsen	Schmidt	Wilson (SC)
Payne	Sensenbrenner	Wittman
Pence	Sessions	Wolf
Perriello	Shadegg	Woolsey
Peters	Sherman	Wu
Petri	Shimkus	Young (FL)
Pitts	Shuster	

NOES—179

Ackerman	Garamendi	Norton
Andrews	Gonzalez	Nye
Arcuri	Gordon (TN)	Olver
Baca	Grayson	Ortiz
Baird	Grijalva	Owens
Baldwin	Hare	Pallone
Barrow	Hastings (FL)	Pascrell
Berkley	Heinrich	Pastor (AZ)
Berman	Higgins	Perlmutter
Berry	Hill	Peterson
Bishop (NY)	Hirono	Pierluisi
Blumenauer	Holt	Polis (CO)
Bocieri	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Bordallo	Inslee	Price (NC)
Boswell	Israel	Putnam
Boyd	Jackson Lee	Rahall
Brady (PA)	(TX)	Reichert
Braley (IA)	Johnson (GA)	Rodriguez
Brown, Corrine	Johnson (IL)	Ros-Lehtinen
Brown-Waite,	Johnson, E. B.	Rothman (NJ)
Ginny	Kagen	Ruppersberger
Burton (IN)	Kennedy	Ryan (OH)
Campbell	Kildee	Sablan
Cantor	Kilroy	Salazar
Cao	Kind	Sánchez, Linda
Capps	King (NY)	T.
Cardoza	Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Sanchez, Loretta
Carnahan	Kissell	Schauer
Carson (IN)	Klein (FL)	Schiff
Castle	Kline (MN)	Schock
Chandler	Kosmas	Schrader
Childers	Kratovil	Schwartz
Chu	Langevin	Scott (GA)
Clarke	Larsen (WA)	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Serrano
Connolly (VA)	Lee (CA)	Sestak
Conyers	Levin	Shea-Porter
Costa	Lewis (GA)	Sires
Crenshaw	Loebach	Skelton
Crowley	Lofgren, Zoe	Slaughter
Dahlkemper	Lujan	Smith (WA)
Davis (CA)	Lungren, Daniel	Snyder
Davis (TN)	E.	Stark
DeFazio	Lynch	Stupak
Deutch	Maffei	Sutton
Diaz-Balart, L.	Maloney	Tanner
Diaz-Balart, M.	Markey (CO)	Taylor
Dicks	Markey (MA)	Thompson (CA)
Dingell	Matheson	Thompson (MS)
Doggett	Matsui	Titus
Donnelly (IN)	McDermott	Tsongas
Doyle	McGovern	Van Hollen
Driehaus	McNerney	Visclosky
Edwards (MD)	Meek (FL)	Walz
Edwards (TX)	Miller (NC)	Wasserman
Ehlers	Miller, George	Schultz
Engel	Moore (KS)	Watson
Eshoo	Moran (VA)	Welch
Etheridge	Murphy (CT)	Yarmuth
Farr	Murphy, Patrick	Young (AK)
Filner	Napolitano	
Fudge	Neal (MA)	

NOT VOTING—34

Barrett (SC)	Brown (SC)	Castor (FL)
Boucher	Butterfield	Clay